

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application.

In the February 28, 2007, Office Action ("Office Action"), the Office rejected Claims 1-21 under either 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated or unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,721,853 to Smith ("Smith"). The Office also objected to Claims 20 and 21 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time during an interview conducted on April 24, 2007. In the interview, applicants addressed the above rejections as is further set forth herein.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 11, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith, while Claims 2-10, 12-19, and 21 were rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Independent Claim 1 recites "sensing the presence of an indicator in a vicinity of an icon having associated thumbnail data representative of content of an associated object; and rendering a view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data, the view rendered in the vicinity of the icon." (Emphasis added.) Smith does not teach or suggest rendering a view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data as defined in the present application or as further clarified by the amendments made to Claim 1 (i.e., the thumbnail data being representative of content of an associated object). Smith discloses a user interface in which a pointer 23 hovers over a portion of a collar 200 and activates the display of a toolbar 302 or menus 304, 306, or 308. The functionality of the toolbar 302 and the menus 304, 306, and 308 is directed to enabling a user to initiate execution of associated application programs. See Col. 5, lines 16-20, and Col. 6, lines 8-11. Nothing in Smith teaches the rendering of a view of at least a portion of the thumbnail data which is

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representative of content of an associated object. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicants submit that Claim 1 is allowable and respectfully request withdrawal of the above rejection.

Independent Claims 12, 17, 20, and 21 recite, in relevant portions, the same or similar features recited in Claim 1 that were discussed above as being missing from the cited reference. Therefore, Claims 12, 17, 20, and 21 are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to Claim 1 as well as for additional limitations set forth therein. For example, Claim 17 recites " an arrangement for *pre-caching thumbnail data* associated with at least one icon and representative of content of an associated object, the arrangement further for displaying *the pre-cached thumbnail data* associated with the at least one icon when an indicator is hovered substantially over the at least one icon." (Emphasis added.) With respect to the pre-caching of thumbnail data, the Office Action states that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to pre-cache data associated with an icon to provide a faster rendering of the icon visual representation of the available resources. (Office Action, page 8.) Applicants respectfully disagree. Since Smith is related to the display of pre-defined tools/resources of an associated application, pre-caching would not be applicable. The tools/resources would not be dynamic and/or temporal and thus would not lend itself to caching.

Claims 2-11, 13-16, and 18-19 depend from Claims 1, 12, and 17, respectively, and are submitted to be allowable at least for the same reasons presented above with respect to Claims 1, 12, and 17, as well as for the additional subject matter they recite.

Additionally, applicants submit that Claims 20 and 21 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections as to form.

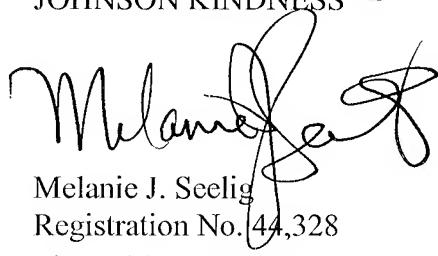
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in this application are allowable over the cited art. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that all the claims pending in the application be allowed and this application be passed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned counsel at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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